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## **U.S. District Court** District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-01595-RC

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY v. U.S.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/09/2017 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

**Information Act** 

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| Date Filed | # | Docket Text   |
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| 08/09/2017 | 1 | COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–5066842) filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. |

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|            |           | (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons (Proposed) for U.S. Dept. of Interior), # 3 Summons (Proposed) for U.S. Attorney, # 4 Summons (Proposed) for Attorney General)(Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 08/09/2017)  |
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| 08/09/2017 | 2         | Corporate Disclosure Statement by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 08/09/2017)  |
| 08/09/2017 |           | Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (sth) (Entered: 08/09/2017)  |
| 08/09/2017 | <u>3</u>  | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Summons, # 2 Summons, # 3 Summons)(sth) (Entered: 08/09/2017)   |
| 09/06/2017 | 4         | AMENDED COMPLAINT <i>First Amended Complaint</i> against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # 1 Redline Comparison to Complaint, # 2 Summons (Proposed) for U.S. Dep. of Interior, # 3 Summons (Proposed) for U.S. Attorney, # 4 Summons (Proposed) for Attorney General)(Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 09/06/2017)             |
| 09/08/2017 | <u>5</u>  | SUMMONS (3) Reissued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney General. (znmw) (Entered: 09/08/2017)  |
| 09/08/2017 | <u>6</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Amy R. Atwood on behalf of CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Atwood, Amy) (Entered: 09/08/2017)   |
| 09/21/2017 | 7         | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/19/2017. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/19/2017. (Atwood, Amy) Modified dates on 9/22/2017 (znmw). (Entered: 09/21/2017)   |
| 09/21/2017 | <u>8</u>  | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 09/21/2017. (Atwood, Amy) Modified date of service on 9/22/2017 (znmw). (Entered: 09/21/2017)   |
| 09/21/2017 | 9         | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR served on 9/20/2017 (Atwood, Amy) Modified date of service on 9/22/2017 (znmw). (Entered: 09/21/2017)   |
| 09/22/2017 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 10/19/2017. (znmw) (Entered: 09/22/2017)  |
| 10/19/2017 | <u>10</u> | ANSWER to <u>4</u> Amended Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR. Related document: <u>4</u> Amended Complaint, filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 10/19/2017)  |
| 10/20/2017 |           | MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before November 3, 2017. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/20/2017. (lcrc3) (Entered: 10/20/2017)  |
| 10/23/2017 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 11/3/2017 (tj) (Entered: 10/23/2017)  |
| 11/03/2017 | <u>11</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT and PROPOSED SCHEDULE by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 11/03/2017)   |
| 11/06/2017 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall be permitted to complete the processing and production of responsive records and that the parties shall submit a joint status report every 60 days following this Order. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/6/2017. (lcrc3) (Entered: 11/06/2017) |
| 11/07/2017 | <u>12</u> | ENTERED IN ERROR STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B, # 3 Exhibit C, # 4 Exhibit D)(Townsend, Margaret) Modified on 11/8/2017 (td). (Entered: 11/07/2017)   |
| 11/08/2017 |           | NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: re 12 Status Report was entered in error PER COUNSEL and counsel refiled said pleading in the correct case. (td) (Entered: 11/08/2017)   |

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| 01/05/2018 | <u>13</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 01/05/2018)  |
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| 01/08/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on March 6, 2018 and once every 60 days thereafter to report on the progress of the processing and production of records responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA requests. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/8/2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 01/08/2018) |
| 03/06/2018 | <u>14</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 03/06/2018)  |
| 03/07/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before May 5, 2018, providing an update on the status of the matter and stating whether briefing will be necessary and, if so, proposing a schedule. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/7/2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 03/07/2018)        |
| 03/08/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/5/2018. (tj) (Entered: 03/08/2018)  |
| 05/04/2018 | <u>15</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 05/04/2018)  |
| 05/04/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on July 3, 2018 providing an update on the status of the matter and stating whether briefing will be necessary and, if so, proposing a schedule. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on May 4, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 05/04/2018)               |
| 07/03/2018 | <u>16</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 07/03/2018)  |
| 07/05/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before September 3, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on July 5, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 07/05/2018)   |
| 07/06/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/3/2018 (hs) (Entered: 07/06/2018)   |
| 09/04/2018 | <u>17</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Atwood, Amy) (Entered: 09/04/2018)   |
| 09/05/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before October 4, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on September 5, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 09/05/2018)  |
| 09/12/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/4/2018 (tj) (Entered: 09/12/2018)  |
| 10/04/2018 | <u>18</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 10/04/2018)  |
| 10/09/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before November 6, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on October 9, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 10/09/2018)   |
| 11/06/2018 | <u>19</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 11/06/2018)  |
| 11/06/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before December 7, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on November 6, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 11/06/2018)  |
| 12/07/2018 | <u>20</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 12/07/2018)  |
| 12/08/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before   |
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|            |           | January 9, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on December 7, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 12/08/2018)  |
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| 12/10/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 1/9/2019 (tj) (Entered: 12/10/2018)  |
| 01/04/2019 | <u>21</u> | MOTION to Stay , MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 01/04/2019)   |
| 01/23/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER granting 21 Defendant's Motion to Stay. It is hereby ORDERED that this action is stayed until appropriations are restored to the Department of Justice and the Department of Interior. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the joint status report previously due on January 9, 2019 shall now be due within 7 days of Congress restoring appropriations. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on January 23, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 01/23/2019) |
| 02/01/2019 | <u>22</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 02/01/2019)   |
| 02/01/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>22</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before February 8, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on February 1, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 02/01/2019)   |
| 02/05/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 2/8/2019 (tj) (Entered: 02/05/2019)  |
| 02/08/2019 | <u>23</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 02/08/2019)   |
| 02/08/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>23</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 8, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on February 8, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 02/08/2019)  |
| 03/01/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/8/2019 (tj) (Entered: 03/01/2019)  |
| 03/05/2019 | <u>24</u> | NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Substituting for attorney Benton Peterson (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 03/05/2019)   |
| 03/08/2019 | <u>25</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 03/08/2019)   |
| 03/08/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>25</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a proposed case management order on or before March 22, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on March 8, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 03/08/2019)   |